

JULY 11, 2025

WEEKLY UPDATE



**CITY OF
DESOTO**

**CITY MANAGER'S
OFFICE**



UM ARMY BRINGS HELP AND HOPE TO DESOTO HOMES

From June 16–20, DeSoto was honored to welcome the UM ARMY Mission Camp, a dedicated group of volunteers committed to serving local residents through critical home repair projects. Their efforts brought not only improvements, but also a deep sense of care and community support.



Over the course of the week:

- 13 DeSoto homes were visited
- A total of 68 individual projects were completed, including:
 - Installing handrails
 - Fixing doors and floors
 - Sheetrock installation
 - Interior and exterior painting
 - Roof repairs
 - Fence repairs
 - Yard work, cleaning, and trash removal
 - Installing screens
 - And much more

The team also tackled approximately 50 targeted projects across 13 DeSoto homes, many of which were identified by our Code department and City Staff. This incredible work was made possible by 105 Mission Camp participants – including 65 youth and 40 adults – organized into 12 work teams and one tactical support team. Each team consisted of 7–8 members, and together, they contributed an estimated 675 collective man-hours of service to the DeSoto community. Their presence and the improvements made have already had a real and lasting impact on the residents they served. We are deeply grateful to UM ARMY, their organizers, and every volunteer who lent their time, energy, and heart to this effort!



COMMUNITY INTEREST

CITY OF DESOTO MOSQUITO ABATEMENT PROGRAM

Mosquito season is officially here. The City of DeSoto Environmental Health Department partners with Dallas County Health and Human Services (HHS) to control the mosquito population in our community.

So how is this done? First, mosquitoes are vectors—organisms that carry disease-causing agents from infected hosts to others. Because of this, the City contracts with Dallas County HHS to manage mosquito abatement activities.



Mosquito season typically runs from early April through late October. Although mosquitoes can appear year-round under the right conditions, they are most active during this period. Six mosquito traps are strategically placed throughout DeSoto. Mosquitoes collected from these traps are tested weekly by Dallas County HHS for West Nile Virus. Generally, traps are checked on Mondays, tested on Tuesdays, and results are reported to the City by Wednesday.

If any trap tests positive for West Nile Virus, the Environmental Health Department is notified immediately. The City's Communication Manager then alerts residents through all communication channels and provides a map of the area scheduled for ground spraying.

Dallas County HHS dispatches trucks to spray within a 0.5-mile radius of the positive trap site. Spraying takes place for two consecutive nights between 9 PM and 4 AM.

For questions about DeSoto's mosquito abatement program, contact John Malvern, Environmental Health Specialist, at (972) 270-7308.

 **COMMUNITY INTEREST**

THE DESOTO ARTIST LAB'S CREATIVE ENERGY IS COMING TO CITY HALL!

Get ready for a fun-filled, hands-on, and inspiring series of workshops brought to you by our incredible DeSoto Artist Lab (DAL) Residency Artists! These mid-day enrichment sessions are designed to spark creativity, foster connection, and bring a little artistic magic to your workday.

Join us in the DeSoto Town Center Atrium Fishbowl for these engaging workshops –open to City staff, Councilmembers, and the public. Drop in, try something new, and take home something amazing!



Workshop Schedule:

July 14 **12:30 PM – 1:30 PM**

Haiku Writing with Alex Tha Great

Craft short, powerful poems that speak volumes in just 17 syllables!

July 17 **12:00 PM – 2:00 PM**

Ceramic Coasters with Brittney Wells

Get your hands in the clay and design your own
stylish ceramic coasters!

July 18 **1:30 PM – 3:00 PM**

Scrapbooking with Alana Marie

Capture memories and moments through beautiful, custom scrapbooks!

July 31 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Drumming with Percussion Things

Feel the rhythm and explore drums from around the globe with Len Barnett and Catherine Whiteman!

August 7 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Room Spray Creations with Arthur Porter

Blend scents and create your very own personalized spray room fragrance!

For full workshop details, visit: desototexas.gov/calendar

Let's make lunchtime more colorful, rhythmic, and inspired. We can't wait to create with you!

COMMUNITY INTEREST

CDBG CONSOLIDATED PLAN COMMUNITY SURVEY CLOSED

The City of DeSoto is updating its 5-Year Consolidated Plan to guide how we invest federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. These funds support projects that improve housing, public services, infrastructure, and economic opportunity—especially for low- to moderate-income residents.

The survey to gather community feedback is now closed, but there's still one more opportunity to share your input. Join us at the **Public Hearing on July 15** to make your voice heard. To hear a full update on the survey results and our draft proposal, attend our presentation on July 14.

Your input helps shape the future of DeSoto—thank you for being part of the process.



SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE UPCOMING STAKEHOLDER AND COUNCIL MEETINGS

- July 15, 2025 - Public Hearing at Regular Council Meeting starting at 6pm in Council Chambers
- August 5, 2025 - Final Presentation to Council at Regular Council Meeting starting at 6pm in Council Chambers

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR UPDATES ON MEETING DATES AND LINKS TO VIRTUAL MEETINGS: WWW.DESOTOTEXAS.GOV/CDBG





BULK/BRUSH PICKUP DELAYS

Bulk and brush pickup services in the City of DeSoto are currently experiencing delays due to the ongoing and excessive rainfall affecting the North Central Texas region. These weather conditions have caused significant backlogs at the regional landfill, which has directly impacted our ability to complete scheduled collections on time.



We understand the inconvenience this may cause and sincerely appreciate your patience as we work closely with Republic Services to resume regular operations as soon as possible. Crews are continuing to collect reported pickups, but please be aware that delays may continue in the coming days.

If your bulk or brush items have not yet been collected, we ask that you leave them curbside and avoid submitting duplicate requests, as all scheduled addresses remain in the queue and will be serviced as conditions improve. For questions or to report a new bulk or brush request, please contact the Action Center at 972-230-9600 or submit a request through the “MyDeSoto” app or the City’s [website](#).

Thank you for your continued understanding and cooperation.





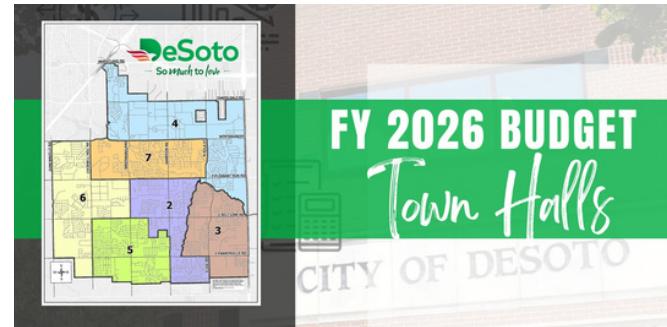
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE UPDATES

UPCOMING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES UPCOMING TOWN HALLS & BUDGET SURVEY

Our FY 2026 Town Hall Tour is well underway, and we'd like to extend our sincere thanks to all who have attended and shared their thoughts. Your participation is helping guide the future direction of our community. We invite all residents to join us at one of the upcoming Town Hall meetings to continue the conversation:

- Thursday, July 17, 2025 - 5:30 PM
- Monday, July 21, 2025 - 6:00 PM
- Tuesday, July 22, 2025 - 6:00 PM
- Wednesday, July 23, 2025 - 6:00 PM

For locations & additional details visit desototexas.gov/BudgetTownHalls



In addition, we strongly encourage everyone to complete the Budget Survey. Your feedback is essential as we plan for the year ahead and prioritize resources to meet community needs.

 Take the Budget Survey here: <https://bit.ly/4lxsBtz>

Thank you for your continued engagement and commitment to making our community stronger.

COMMUNITY VIEWS ON THE BUDGET

You're invited to Community Views On the Budget hosted by Councilmember Letitia Hughes.

Date: Thursday, August 1, 2025

Time: 6PM

Location: Virtual via Zoom at bit.ly/4jZOMsz

Who: Residents will be able to voice their opinion virtually.

What: Weigh in on how the City's tax dollars are spent for fiscal year 25-26.

Guest: City of DeSoto Finance Department





CODE ENFORCEMENT UPDATES

Complaint (Issues) Totals for Code Enforcement			
Complaint (Issue) Topic	Apr.	May	June
Complaints about signage (yard signs that need to be removed)	0	2	1
Overhanging limbs	67	97	124
High Grass and Weeds	439	524	497
Inoperable Vehicles	76	76	55
Illegal Dumping and Junk/Debris	94	177	107
Illegal Parking	47	55	75
Parking on Unimproved Surfaces	73	55	55
Fencing Complaint	71	70	93
Animal Control Total	93	108	96

ANIMAL CONTROL PSA: INCREASED COYOTE ACTIVITY

DeSoto Animal Control, in the interest of public safety, is notifying residents of increased coyote activity in the neighborhoods: South of Wintergreen Rd, North of Pleasant Run Rd, West of I-35, East of Hampton Rd, & Regents Park Neighborhood.

Important Safety Guidelines:

- Do not approach a coyote if you see one.
- When walking your dog, keep pets on a leash no longer than 6ft
- Ensure all pets are attended to or secured in a coyote-proof enclosure.
- Do not leave pet food or garbage outdoors
- Maintain your landscaping to reduce hiding spots and attractants.



For effective coyote hazing techniques and other prevention strategies, please visit the [DeSoto Animal Control webpage](#). Report Sightings or Concerns: 972-274-2489 or through the MyDeSoto App. In case of emergency, call 911 immediately.



PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATES

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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Food Establishments and other Environmental Health Inspections

April - June 2025

Complaint (Issue) Topic	Count
Routine Food Establishment Inspections	85
Pool Inspections	44
Mobile Food Unit Inspections	7
Temporary Food Establishment Inspections	34
Follow Up Inspections	13
Boarding Home Inspections	2
Foster Home Inspections	2
Mosquito Abatement Activities	9
Septic Tank Complaints	2
Complaint Inspections	15
Food Establishment Closures	6
Pool Closures	2
Citations Issued	2
Number of Residents of Serviced for Household Hazardous Waste	138

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Police Call Volume Report: June 22 - 28

The DeSoto Police Department reported 2,010 calls, most being neighborhood patrol calls at 600, followed by directed patrol at 291 calls. DeSoto reported 229 business calls and responded to 63 animal-related calls, 49 suspicious activity calls, and 269 traffic-related calls.

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Fire Run Report: June 29 - July 6

Count of Incidents by Incident Type Group and Year





HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATES

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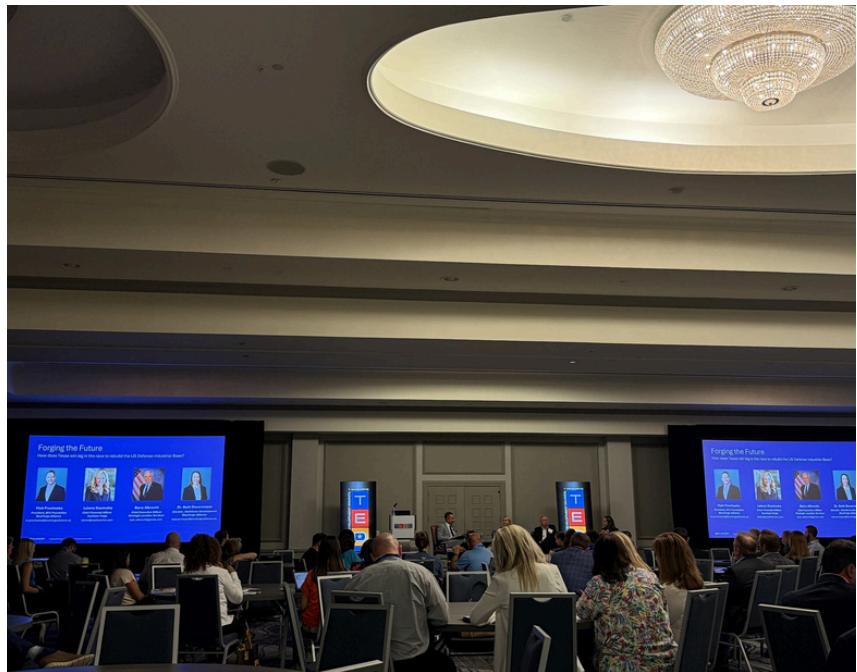
JUNE NEW HIRES

New Hires-Regular	Status	Date of Hire	Dept	Position
Finch, Dominique	FT	06.02.2025	Utilities	Meter Technician
Deckard, Davion	PT	06.02.2025	Parks	Pool Attendant - PT
Williby, Allen W.	PT	06.02.2025	Police	Police Officer Reserve
Stout, Kole	FT	06.09.2025	Fire	Firefighter/Paramedic - Non-Certified
Burroughs, Braden T.	FT	06.09.2025	Fire	Firefighter/Paramedic - Non-Certified
Oliver, Cade	FT	06.09.2025	Fire	Firefighter/Paramedic - Non-Certified
Fox, Justin	FT	06.09.2025	Fire	Firefighter/Paramedic - Non-Certified
Mathis, Cydnei	PT	06.09.2025	Library	Library Assistant - PT
Martinez, Gicel	PT	06.09.2025	Library	Library Assistant - PT
Jordan, Cambria	FT	06.09.2025	Development Services	Manager of Planning and Zoning
Bell, Reece	PT	06.14.2025	Parks	Lifeguard - PT
Durham, Isaiah	PT	06.14.2025	Parks	Recreation Attendant - PT
Garrett- Williams	PT	06.14.2025	Parks	Lifeguard - PT
Johnson, Vivica E.	PT	06.16.2025	Parks	Lifeguard - PT
Metza, Melissa	PT	06.23.2025	Library	Library Clerk - PT
Gulti, Getachew	FT	06.23.2025	Development Services	Civil Engineer
Day, Eddie	FT	06.23.2025	Development Services	Maintenance Worker - Streets



TEDC MIDYEAR CONFERENCE

The DeSoto Development Corporation team had an energizing and productive time at the Texas Economic Development Council (TEDC) Mid-Year Conference in Rockwall! We're thrilled to have connected with economic development leaders from across the great state of Texas to exchange ideas and forge valuable partnerships.



The conference provided essential insights into strengthening workforce pipelines, infrastructure coordination, and innovative incentive structures that we're eager to implement in DeSoto. Our team made strategic connections with key state resources and workforce development experts that will directly benefit our community.

The conference highlighted critical strategies for successful economic development: effective community engagement ensuring authentic involvement from all neighborhoods; education-industry partnerships developing certification programs aligned with growth industries; innovative infrastructure planning supporting long-term development; comprehensive impact measurements focusing on quality of life improvements beyond traditional metrics; and emerging opportunities in energy innovation and small business support. We're particularly excited about implementing these approaches and innovative education models to create pathways to high-paying jobs in strategic industries.

Looking forward to sharing more with our community and partners as we work together to strengthen DeSoto's economic landscape.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

DDC HOSTS SUMMER VIRTUAL FRANCHISE EVENT

We're excited to remind you that our Virtual Franchise Interest Meeting is just ONE WEEK AWAY on Thursday, July 17th from 6 - 7:30 PM.

🔗 Register now: <https://hubs.li/Q03v4VSy0>

Following the tremendous success of our spring event at The DEC with the International Franchise Association and PreXsentials that attracted nearly 100 attendees, the DeSoto Development Corporation is continuing the momentum with this special virtual summer session.

📌 What you'll learn:

- Latest updates on retail franchise opportunities in DeSoto and the Best Southwest
- Fundamentals of franchising for new entrepreneurs
- Information about expanding retail brands in our area
- Access to capital resources for development

Don't miss this opportunity to explore how franchising can fit into your business goals and contribute to DeSoto's growing economic landscape -- See you online!





ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

CITY OF DESOTO SUMMER INTERNS PLAN 3RD ANNUAL YOUNG PROFESSIONAL FORUM

💡 Are you a young leader with big goals? Ready to grow your career, expand your network, and understand the forces shaping your city? 🌟

🌟 Join us for the Third Annual YOUNG PROFESSIONALS FORUM — a dynamic evening built to inspire, connect, and empower the next generation of changemakers in #DeSoto and beyond! 🦅

Hosted by **DeSoto Development Corporation** Summer Interns **Keithan Sutton & Chanler Marble** as part of their Capstone Project, this forum is designed around powerful pillars:

- ◆ Career Growth 📈
- ◆ Networking & Local Impact 🤝
- ◆ Real Estate & Economic Development 🏠

 **Date: Thursday, July 31, 2025**

 **Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

 **Location: DeSoto Civic Center – Bluebonnet Room**

 **RSVP here: <https://hubs.li/Q03ttBTn0>**

Come ready to listen, learn, and leave with new opportunities. Let's build the future — together! 🤝🌟





LIBRARY UPDATES

LIBRARY PROGRAMS AND RESOURCE HIGHLIGHTS

GET READY TO GET GOOEY AT THE LIBRARY!

Join us for **Slime-a-Palooza** – our ultimate slime party – at the DeSoto Public Library! Dive into a world of squishy, stretchy, colorful fun as we mix, create, and play, with all kinds of slime. Perfect for kids and families who love hands-on, messy fun!

 **Date & Time:** July 14 at 2 PM

 **Location:** DeSoto Public Library

Don't miss out on the slime-tastic fun – see you there!

This program is sponsored by Atmos Energy, the City of DeSoto, and the DeSoto Public Library.

#Slime Party #DeSotoLibrary #FamilyFun #SummerAtTheLibrary





PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATES

PARKS AND RECREATION HIGHLIGHTS

SUMMERTIME ON BELTLINE

Join us for Summertime on Beltline Camp. An exciting experience for youth ages 10–17, happening now through July 31, Monday–Friday, 1–6 PM at DeSoto East Middle School.



With a \$25 All-Access Membership, campers will enjoy:

- Game Truck
- Basketball & Tennis
- S.T.E.M. Activities
- Art & Jewelry Making
- Financial Literacy
- Mentoring & Wellness ... and more!

For more information visit us online at desototexas.gov/summercamps or call us at 972-230-9655. Register now!

DON'T MISS FOREVER PLUS ONE – LIVE STAGE PLAY THIS AUGUST!

Join us for Torie Lee's "Forever Plus One", a powerful theatrical stage play produced by Snoop Robinson, live at the DeSoto Corner Theater on Saturday, August 23, 2025, at 7:30 PM. This unforgettable evening of drama and entertainment will take place at 211 E. Pleasant Run, DeSoto, TX 75115.

Tickets are \$35 presale and \$40 at the door, available now at desotoevents.eventbrite.com.

Don't miss your chance to experience this captivating production and secure your seats today!





PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATES

PARKS AND RECREATION HIGHLIGHTS

DESOTO BASEBALL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Desoto Baseball is gearing up for an exciting Fall Ball season! Registration is open from **July 1st through August 9th** for players ages 3-14, with divisions including T-Ball, Coach Pitch, and Kid Pitch. Fees vary by age group and residency status. No late registrations will be accepted, so don't wait!

Please Note: The first 100 players to register will receive a FREE backpack filled with school supplies.

Register now at

desotobaseballorganization.com/registration



BRAZILIAN SOCCER CAMPS

Join the Brazilian Soccer Camps at DeSoto Parks & Recreation for a summer full of soccer, fun, and skill development! Led by expert coaches, this camp is the perfect way for young players to build confidence, make new friends, and level up their game!

Starts July 7 | Grimes Park, 501 E. Wintergreen Rd, DeSoto, TX

Programs for ages 4-14:

- 9AM - 3PM Full Day (Ages 9-14)
- 9AM - 12PM Half Day (Ages 7-14)
- 3PM - 4PM Future Star (Ages 4-6)

Don't miss out! Visit brazilianunited.com/summer-programs to register today!





WEEKLY EVENTS AND MEETINGS

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JULY/AUGUST 2025



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SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING | COUNCIL CHAMBERS

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING | COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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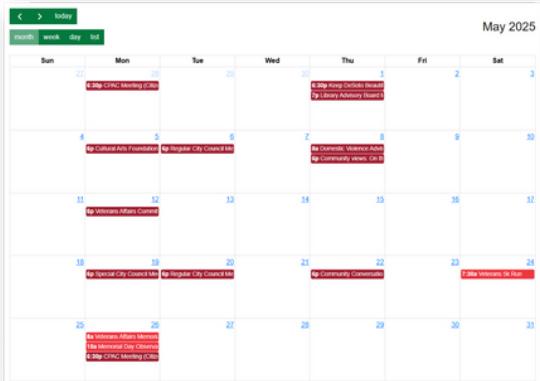
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING | COUNCIL CHAMBERS

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

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COMMUNITY VIEWS ON THE BUDGET WITH CM HUGHES | VIRTUAL MEETING

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM



American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



Sickle Cell Blood Drive City of DeSoto DeSoto Recreation Center

Bluebonnet Rooms 1 - 3
211 E. Pleasant Run Road
DeSoto, TX 75115

**Friday, July 25, 2025
9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: coadsicklecell to schedule an appointment or scan the QR code below.

All presenting donors will receive a \$20 Gift Card by email thanks to Amazon. First time donors will receive a Red Cross T-shirt, while supplies last!



Give blood July 19 to 31 for a Fandango Movie Reward

by email to see a movie on rcblood.org/July



Our blood can help ease the suffering of those fighting sickle cell disease. Our blood saves lives.

1-800-RED CROSS | RedCrossBlood.org/OurBlood | #TeamUp4SickleCell

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